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Honorable Patrick M. Shanahan Acting Secretary of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Acting Secretary Shanahan,

I have reviewed the list your office belatedly produced of MILCON projects that might be used by the Administration to source border wall funding pursuant to 10 U.S.C 2808 and the February 15, 2019 Emergency Declaration. Although your testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee about the Department's criteria for identifying projects that may be used to source section 2808 projects was somewhat unclear, I will be perfectly clear here: there are no circumstances under which it would be acceptable or appropriate for the Department to source 2808 projects from funds appropriated for Alabama MILCON projects. These projects are critical to the national security and to the state of Alabama, and I will oppose every attempt to delay or otherwise negatively impact them in any way.

Cordially

Doug Jones

United States Senator